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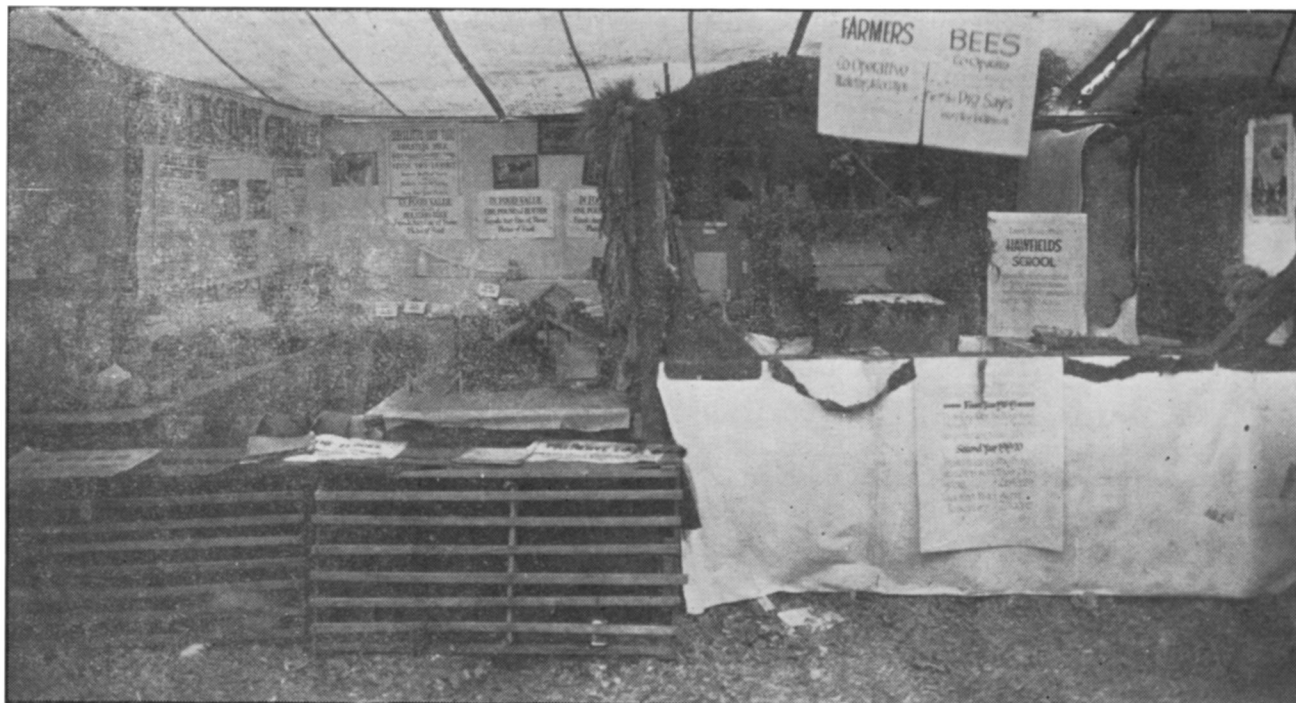
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School displays of the Hawfields and Pleasant Garden High Schools as exhibited at the North Carolina State Fair. These schools, in the order named, won the first and second prizes for the best school displays.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL EXHIBITS AT THE STATE FAIR

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THE PROGRAM put on at the North Carolina State Fair by the vocational agricultural high schools of the state and their pupils attracted attention and much favorable comment. For the first time since the vocational agricultural work has been in progress in the state an attempt was made to convey to the public something of the type of work that is being done in the vocational schools which have for their purpose the training of boys for the business of farming.

The activities of the vocational schools were divided into two parts—school displays and judging contests. Thirteen schools made individual displays. The displays consisted of the work of the pupils done in the classroom, shop, home, and on the farm. The displays were housed in a special tent, and carefully prepared posters and charts explained the purpose and nature of each article. An agricultural classroom, typical of the kind of room that should be found in each school, was exhibited by the Department of Vocational Education of the State College. Visual instruction is becoming a very important method used in teaching agriculture, and to demonstrate this phase of in-

struction a moving picture machine was used to show educational films. Another feature which appealed to the people was a demonstration in handling eggs by members of the class in animal husbandry of the Cary High School.

The judging contest had a great educational value for the boys. On Wednesday afternoon one hundred and fourteen boys from thirty-nine schools took part in the crops judging contest. This work consisted of a comparative study of the common cultivated crops of the state. A total of 365 boys participated in the live-stock judging contest. The following classes of livestock were judged: mules, sheep, poultry, swine, beef cattle and dairy cattle. Representing 365 homes these boys, no doubt, will be the strongest advocates of better seeds and purer livestock in their respective communities.

Editorially, the *Raleigh News and Observer* made the following comment on the work of the vocational schools at the Fair:

"There are often as many different opinions as there are people, but there has been one agreement this week as to the best exhibit at the Fair. It was not Mrs. Vanderbilt's display of farm products, interesting or educational as it was. It was

not General Carr's fine Occoneechee exhibit which attracted much praise. It was not Bob Scott's exhibit of what an Alamance farm has done, not what can be done but what brains and industry have actually done and can be done by thousands of farmers who have learned not by what Mr. Scott has shown. It was not either one of the fine county exhibits, which progressive farmers and farm demonstrators made possible. It was not the other fine and beautiful exhibits in material form seen in any of the buildings.

"The best exhibit was the three hundred and fifty farm boys, students of vocational agriculture in the high schools of the state, who constitute the promise and the hope of the future steady development of agriculture upon which North Carolina's highest prosperity depends.

"It is the farm boys obtaining the benefits of all the good things their fathers have done, and adding to it new and better methods, to whom the state chiefly looks for the prosperity which will lift all the John Smiths of ambition out of ruts and give us more and more skilled landowners and successful farmers.

"Keep your eyes on the Farm Boys!"

The schools which won prizes in the school displays

were: Hawfields High School, Alamance County, first; Pleasant Garden High School, Guilford County, second; Salemburg High School, Sampson County, third; Wakelon High School, Wake County, fourth; Bonlee High School, Chatham County, fifth. Other schools making displays were: Sylvan High School, Alamance County; Castalia and Red Oak High Schools, Nash County; Lowe's Grove Farm Life School, Durham County; Middleburg Farm Life School, Vance County; Lillington Farm Life School, Harnett County; Chapel Hill High School, Orange County; Sand Hill High School, Moore County.

The following schools won the crops judging contest: Cary High School, first; Macon High School, second; Sandhill High School, third; Rockingham High School, fourth; Bonlee High School, fifth.

The results of the livestock contests were: Cary High School, first; Castalia High School, second; and Bonlee High School, third.



Over 400 boys and teachers, representatives of thirty-nine vocational agricultural high schools of the State, attend the State Fair at Raleigh to compete in crops and livestock judging contests. These boys constitute the hope and promise for the development of agriculture in North Carolina.

HIGH SPOTS OF THE N. C. TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY

DR. CHARLES E. BREWER, of Meredith College, was elected to succeed Supt. R. H. Latham, of Winston-Salem, as president of the assembly.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of national note for her work in reducing illiteracy in North Carolina, was elected vice-president.

Provisions were made to employ a full-time secretary for the assembly.

A move was made to change the date of the annual meeting of the assembly to some other time than Thanksgiving so as to give the teachers the chance to spend Thanksgiving at home.

The administration of Supt. Brooks was warmly endorsed as the most progressive in many years.

The force of the voice of Gov. Morrison in support of the educational program of the state was greatly appreciated by the teachers.

The report of the county superintendents of the spread of the spirit for consolidation interests and surprises all.

Only 29 counties without high schools and the number rapidly decreasing. Thirty-two thousand, six hundred and sixty-eight pupils enrolled in high schools in North Carolina.

Ten thousand, eight hundred and thirty-three teachers were enrolled in state and county summer schools last summer.—From *North Carolina Community Progress* for December.